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In Re Application of: Ross S. Tsugita

Examiner in immediately preceding  
parent application: Mendez, Manuel

Serial No.: Unknown

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For: GUIDED FILTER WITH SUPPORT WIRE AND METHODS OF USE

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(b)**

Dear Sir:

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10:** The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" having an Express Mail mailing label number of: EV315607342US, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 19th day of September, 2003.

By \_\_\_\_\_

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This is a request for filing a continuation application, under 37 CFR §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No, 09/677,119 filed on September 29, 2000 for an invention entitled GUIDED FILTER WITH SUPPORT WIRE AND METHODS OF USE.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the inventor's DECLARATION of Ross. S. Tsugita, as originally filed on August 3, 1999.
2. I hereby verify that the enclosed papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/677,119 as filed on September 29, 2000, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

3. Cancel in this application original Claims 2-40 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim has been retained for filing purposes.

4. The filing fee is calculated below:

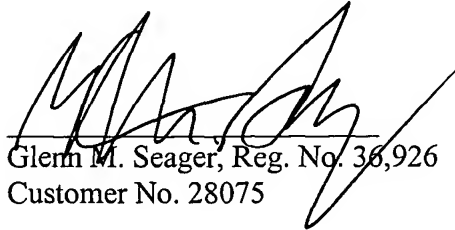
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BASIC FEE	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	\$375	XXXXX	\$750
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() MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED			+140=	\$	+280=	\$
TOTAL				\$	XXXXX	\$750

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0413.
6. A check in the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed to cover the filing fee.
7. Amend the specification by inserting, immediately before "Field of the Invention" on page 1 thereof, the sentence --This is a continuation of copending Application Serial No. 09/677,119 filed on September 29, 2000, which in turn is a continuation of Serial No. 09/366,192 filed on August 3, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,142,987.--
8. Please find enclosed four (4) sheets of formal drawings.
9. The power of attorney in the prior application is to CROMPTON, SEAGER & TUFTE LLC. The power appears in the papers in the prior application file, and a copy is enclosed. Address all future communications to:

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10. This patent application is assigned to SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC., pursuant to the Assignment recorded on February 26, 2001 at Reel 011541, Frame 0810.

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